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SUBJ: SAHARA: SPECIAL OAU SUMMIT

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1. ACCORDING TO PRIVATE COMMENTS OF MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR IN RABAT JANUARY 25, FINANCING OF SPECIAL OAU SUMMIT WOULD BE SHARED BY OAU MEMBERS RATHER THAN BY ALGERIANS AND MOROCCANS ALONE. HE SAID THIS ARRANGEMENT HAD BEEN DECIDED IN RESPONSE TO INITIAL OFFER BY ALGERIA AND LIBYA TO ASSUME THE COSTS.

2. MAURITANIAN ALSO COMMENTED THAT WHILE IT REMAINED TO BE SEEN WHETHER SPECIAL SUMMIT WOULD IN FACT BE HELD, ATTAINING A QUORUM AND AGREEING ON SAHARAN REPRESENTATION SHOULD NOT BE INSURMOUNTABLE OBSTACLES. HE ELABORATED THAT IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC TO INSIST ON THE PRESENCE OF AN EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF
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CHIEFS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT, INASMUCH AS MINISTERIAL-LEVEL DELEGATES COULD ADEQUATELY REPRESENT COUNTRIES LESS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE DISPUTE. A COMPROMISE ON SAHARAN REPRESENTATION, IN HIS VIEW, COULD INVOLVE ALLOWING ATTENDANCE BY SAHARANS WHO WERE MEMBERS OF THE POLISARIO, PROVIDED THEY WERE PRESENT IN AN INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY. MAURITANIAN FELT THAT SOME FLEXIBILITY ON MODALITIES WAS NECESSARY, AS IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR MOROCCO AND

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MAURITANIA NOT TO BE PERCEIVED AS BLOCKING A SUMMIT. IN ANY CASE, HOWEVER, THE SUMMIT IF HELD WOULD BE MOST UNLIKELY TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS TOWARD RESOLUTION OF THE DEEP DIFFERENCES SEPARATING THE TWO SIDES, HE CONCLUDED.
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